(b) if so, the details of the stolen items; and

(c) the details of enquiry made as to how miscreants could enter into the protected area?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some silver objects, utensils and ornaments were stolen from the temple on 5-11-2001.

(b) The security of the Lingaraj Temple, a centrally protected monument vests with the temple authorities and the State Government. As per the information received from the Government of Orissa, the miscreants entered into the premises of the temple by scaling a wall. The accused persons have been arrested. The State Government have taken steps for strengthening the security arrangements in the temple.

Arrest of the Excise Commissioner and the Managing Director of Flex Industries

2417. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for arrest of the Excise Commissioner and the Managing Director of Flex Industries;

(b) the person(s) who are reported the matter and the basis for such reporting;

(c) whether it is fact that names of several former Ministers and M.Ps are noted in a register under reference; and

(d) who are those persons and what action, if any, is being taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Delhi and Managing Director of Flex Industries, were arrested by the CBI for accepting and offering bribe respectively.

(b) The case was registered by the CBI on the basis of reliable source information.

(c) and (d) It is not clear as to what register is being referred to.